

TERM 1

SEPTEMBER 2026



A **huge** welcome to Year 3 and to Key Stage 2! We are really looking forward to a fantastic and productive year.

There are many similarities and differences between Year 2 and Year 3; some of these have already been discussed with the children. Please look at the Social Story we sent out in July. The biggest change is the pace and content of the work. We also aim to further develop the children's independence and personal responsibility.

English

This term, we will be exploring the text 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. We will use this text to explore our descriptive writing and narrative skills, along with the relevant grammar skills to accompany our focus genres.

Maths

In our maths work this term, we will be focusing on our skills with place value and addition and subtraction. We will also be practising our 2,3,5,10 times tables. **If you need a reminder of the login for your child's Times Table Rock Stars site, please let their teacher know.**

Topic

Our topic this term is **all about Africa**. We will be learning all about the continent, the countries within it, the trade, houses and animals in order to create fantastic artwork based on the different regions. In science, our topic will be magnets and forces, exploring the forces around us used to move objects and the effects magnets have on the materials around us.

Reading Record books and Dojo:

You have already been sent links to connect to your child's new Dojo account, if you are having problems connecting please let the class teacher know. Both Dojo and the Reading Record are very important and are used to aid communication between school and home. Please sign the Reading Record each evening and return to class on a daily basis so that it can be accessed in school too. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any information, change of pick ups, concerns or questions.

Water and fruit: We recommend that the children have access to drinking water during the school day and the use of water bottles is most practical in class. Please ensure any water bottles are clearly named. The children will need to bring in their own healthy snack to eat during morning break e.g. a piece of fruit or carrot sticks.

Reading: This term we will be transitioning more of the children across to our school Accelerated Reader scheme. A short test generates each child an individual ZPD range and they will then be able to choose books within this range. The children will have more ownership to choose their own book from the library, which they will need to bring in everyday, to share with an adult. Once they have finished their book they will complete a short comprehension test as part of the reading program **Accelerated Reader**, before then being able to choose another book. Throughout the year the children will undertake further ZPD assessments to make sure that their ZPD range increases accordingly alongside their progress. This program really focusses on comprehension as well as inference and fluency and teachers will be monitoring performance in these areas. Please continue to sign your child's reading record to show that your child has read to or with an adult at home every evening (if possible). It is beneficial for your children to enjoy the book with you and to engage in discussions about the characters and content of the book etc. Therefore, it is not a necessity that your child completes a whole book per night; a few pages with lots of discussion is just as effective.



Comprehension questions: (for you to discuss as you read together, if you would like to)

- Who is telling the story and how do you know?
- Find some words or phrases that tell you about the setting.
- What is the most interesting or exciting part? Try to explain why.
- What is the theme of this story or text?

PE:

This term we will be enjoying lessons incorporating Tennis and Tri-Golf. PE lessons are scheduled for **Tuesday** (Outdoor with PSA coaches) and **Wednesday** (Indoor). Please be reminded that all children are expected to take part in PE lessons and should wear the appropriate kit in school. Including dark jogging bottoms/leggings or shorts and a white T-shirt. Children's earrings should be removed at home if they cannot do so themselves.

Future Events:

Term 1—Welcome Evenings and visitor
Term 2—Cave painting and Christmas
Term 3—making bags—sewing afternoon with parents
Term 4—Egyptian day/ world book day
Term 5—
Term 6—Trip to Brogdale Farm

Homework

Homework will be handed out to children on a **Friday**. Please could it be returned by the following **Wednesday**, so that we have time to view their work and hand out the next pieces.



If you have any questions, concerns or comments at all please do not hesitate to let us know through the homework diaries or by making an appointment through the office or Dojo.

Thank you from the Year 3 team.

Miss Collings, Mrs Papandrea, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Winter and Mrs Ridley